

USSR (Black Sea)

ports of Novorossiisk and Kherson

NOVOROSSIISK: Ship inspection continues to be as formal and thorough [redacted] 50X1-HUM
 [redacted] At the entrance on the right shore are many sunken hulks including the warship TASKANOV. On the pier at the port entrance is a radio guard station which contacts arriving ships. Grain is loaded with a prewar elevator which can load 8,000 tons in 48 hours. The passenger pier is destroyed. [redacted] there is no construction under way in the port area. The center of the channel has been dredged to about 29 feet. The railroad station is in good condition and a great deal of freight was observed, but little or no passenger traffic. 50X1-HUM

Ships in port: 1 Russian liner, 2 steamers of unknown registry loading for the far east [redacted] 2 small cabotage steamers, 1 [redacted] destroyer with superstructure markedly changed, 1 coast guard cutter about 20 meters long, and 1 armed motorship about 13 or 15 meters long. 50X1-HUM

KHERSON: Along the shore were large quantities of coal. It is estimated that about 2,200 tons could be loaded in 42 hours. Along the pier the draught is 25 feet, but the Russians allow only a maximum of 18 feet. Pier construction was under way. On the right bank, going up the DNIEPER, is an opening which seems to be a naval base entrance. [redacted] Radio signals were heard from a land station not in the international listing. All units entering Kherson contact station USI. A large unidentified industry is located about 300 meters from the shore on the edge of the city. 50X1-HUM

Ships in port: 1 Russian dredge, [redacted] 2 or 3 Russian steamships, [redacted] 2 subchasers at the mouth of the DNIEPER, and 10 subchasers entered Odessa. 50X1-HUM

Fort Nikolajev on the island at the entrance to the DNIEPER was observed to have an undetermined number of guns. 50X1-HUM

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